

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Prayer After Service

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers.

TODAY Outreach: Hurting More Than Helping?

Are we doing more harm than good in our effort to fight poverty? Are good intentions enough? What are best practices? Come to our GO Core Meeting to discuss and learn more. **2-4pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall**, (light lunch provided at 1pm). RSVP to go@islandecc.hk.

NOV 5 Integrating Faith and Work Study Group

We are launching a new Study Group starting this Wednesday for 6 weeks to explore how we can integrate faith and work. Led by Alistair Chiu (pastoral ministry) and Patricia Lau (banker), this group aims at singles in their 30s and 40s. Send questions to alistair.chiu@islandecc.hk. Download a pdf brochure at <http://bit.ly/islandfaithwork1105>.

NOV 5 FUSE — Young Adults Fellowship

FUSE is a fellowship for young adults/young professionals (age: 20s to early 30s) who would like to connect with God and other young adults. We will meet this Wednesday at **7.30pm in The Studio** (321 Java Rd, 1/F). There will be food, teaching, discussion and time to hang out!

NOV 8 CORE Leadership Conference

We are hosting our first ever CORE Leadership Conference, **9am-5pm**. If you are a volunteer leader in any of these ministries — Care Groups, Men, Women, Youth, Kids Club, Mission trips, Prayer, Sunday services, Worship, Local Outreach — this conference is for you! Get your ticket today at the Connect Counter. Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/core/> for details.

NOV 9 Newcomers Lunch

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, **1.15pm, 2/F**. There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need a ticket to get in, so please pick one up today at the Connect Counter on your floor.

NOV 9 Uganda Sharing Session

Come and hear our stories from Uganda where our faithful God brought new life to the orphans, healing to the sick, and a crown of beauty to those victimised in the war. We want to share with you our journey with the Holy Spirit. **2.30pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall**.

NOV 16 New Class: Nurturing Your Marriage #2

This 2 week class on November 16 & 23 will continue to seek to nurture marriages in our church. We will focus in on 2 areas of marriage and include personal stories of struggle and transformation. Go to www.islandecc.hk/classes for more information and to register.

NOV 16 Home Visit Volunteer Training

Hope of the City needs committed, servant-hearted volunteers to join our monthly home visits team. Learn how to connect with and bring hope to the poor in Hong Kong. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com to sign up for lunch and training session on 'Purposeful Friendships with People on the Margins', **1.30-3pm, 2/F**. For current and new volunteers.

NOV 23 Cambodia Business Mission Trip Info Session

This trip (Mar 6 to Mar 12, 2015) will focus on discipling young Christian leaders in Business/entrepreneurship and marketplace outreach. Key activities will be being trainers and mentors in a business plan competition and visiting kingdom businesses. Need a variety of expertise - HR, marketing, IT, entrepreneurship, accounting. Come to info session, **2pm, Room A, 8/F**.



New On The City

Job Vacancy

Asian Charity Services (ACS) are looking for a new Executive Director to take this leading provider of pro-bono organisational development training and consulting services for NGOs in Hong Kong to the next level. Visit The City/Marketplace for details.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counters are located on the 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. Volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

2 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE

We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.
"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

Uganda Mission Trip



November 2, 2014

A Better Country

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶But as it is, they **desire a better country**, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

Hebrews 11:13-16

Better living consists of:

1. _____

"... having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth."

Hebrews 11:13

2. _____

"If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return."

Hebrews 11:15

3. _____

"But as it is, they were longing for a better country, that is a heavenly one."

Hebrews 11:16